Dear Henry,

11/1/92

In your 10/28 you ask about an allgged 72-page FBI report on JFK NAAs. I know your source for this non-existent record, Kurtz, one of the innumerable reasons I suggested that you check out the quote you use at the end of that chapter. What he is referring to is the total numer of odds and ends of pieces of paper the FBI gave me originally in the very earliest days of C.A. 75-226. If your DC people identify them that way, and tell them that later copies of them were provided to Dr. John Nichols and Emory Brown the FBI can retrieve them with ease. That will save me the chore of searching and my wife the need to copy, which right now is complicated by our hveing been provided with a dozen cartons of xerox paper that just will not work in out machine. If you or your people prefer not to ask the FBI, the Jim can provide them for his case file. But if you do this, please ask Bud because Jim is overworked and Bud can have one of the women in the office do the copying.

The is only one of the many NAA/spectro pitfalls I was trying to guide you around, probably in too much haste, in what did not go out until this morning's mail. I broek it into two in order to make use of the stamps, as you'll see when you get both envelopes. I also asked the P.O. to attach them together after cancelling the stamps in the hope that this would get them both to you at the same time.

If your peolle would like to deal with the FBI on this, because they make no charge for less than 250 pp, which saves book work, they may want to be able to tell Young that the FOIA supervisor on the case that led to the disclosure of those records is SA John N. Phillips. Who is one of the least inhibited liar-perjurers I've known. Among many. But he ought have no trouble identifying and locating those records in the FOOA files, which requires much less searching for the FBI that going back to the main files and searching. I have no objection to saving them time.

They make no reference to any other records but they have at least the printouts, which other experts might want. The FBI dtonewalled me on them until last year. There also is another set, those provided by ERDA, then successor to that part of AEC. Whatever the agency is at Germantown that succeeded ERDA can also find them in the FOIA files because they have one. They are co-defendants in that suit. The advantage of getting them from the agency will be ehnanced if you ask that they provide the individual sheets collated and stapled. When the xeroxed those long sheeet for me they provided them unattached and it is possible some got out of order when DJ copied them in a rush. I've kept them as I've received them.

Those 72 pages include the Gallagher figures to which Guinn referred. Guinn neither got not apparently asked for anything else. Ditto for HSCA.

One of the real problems, as I believe I've indicated in the large mailing, is that the FBI (apparently and claims) did not prepare what you and I would regard as a real report. (What a self-indictment!) Instead they, meaning the Lab agents and probably Gallagher, drafted the letter to the WW you quoted.

Frankly, I have difficulty swallowing Guinn's line that they (which includes AEC and the contractor) did not understand their own figures.

I'd no sooner told you that my fire would not go out until spring than we got some magnificent May weather. At 6 a.m., 60, 75 at 10:30 and forecast of 82 for a.m.!

Is that beautiful fawood you sent so throughfully red pine? I think it is a pine and of a kind we do not have around here. ("Fat wood" is not used around here but I believe it means a high-resin wood. And it is beautiful!)

Aside from giving you a reading on Kurtz and his dependability this little thing also illustrates what I mean in referring to some of your possible sources and "experts" who are somewhat less if not something entirely different. It is what makes your

situation difficult. However, I must say that you've done very well, particularly because of this, in the chapters I've read. Also, I think that some of your chapter beginning are really very good. I enjoyed them.

I've not heard from Jim today but as of the end of last week he did not believe I'd have any more affidavits to do in the immediate future. DJ can change this, of course. It is one of the ways they can cntend with the legal disaster I gave them in the field office cases, which outs them back to Square 1 on searching. On the other hand, if they are capable of any detachment and rational thought, they'll take some time and thing the whole business through, particularly because I've offered to compromise and they rejected it out of hand. A compromise serves their interest more than it does mine.

What I mean by this explanation is that if you have any other chapters you'd like me to read, please get them to me as fast as possible because right now I have more time. I have a podiatrist's appointment this afternoon, when I'll mail this to make today's mail, and the regular checkup at Georgetown Hospital Wednesday. For the rest of the month, one and possibly two dental appointments and one medical, and without any affida its, more time than usual.

Best wishes,